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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, ES

SUBJECT: ANOTHER KIDNAP ATTEMPT, THIS ONE FAILS

REF: SAN SALVADOR 2717 AND PREVIOUS

1. RODOLFO DUTRIZ, SUB-DIRECTOR OF THE DUTRIZ FAMILY OWNED  
NEWSPAPER LA PRENSA GRAFICA, WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN AN  
APPARENT ATTEMPT TO KIDNAP HIM ON SEPTEMBER 22. DUTRIZ,  
RETURNING HOME AT THE LUNCH HOUR, WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED  
TO HIS DOOR BY A CAR CONTAINING AT LEAST FIVE ASSAILANTS. AS HE  
WAITED IN HIS CAR FOR THE GARAGE DOOR TO BE OPENED BY A SERVANT,  
THREE OR FOUR OF THE KIDNAPPERS, THEIR FACES COVERED AND CARRYING  
AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, TRIED TO FORCE HIM FROM HIS CAR AND INTO THEIRS.  
DUTRIZ IS REPORTED TO HAVE RESISTED, AND THE ALARM HE AND HIS  
SERVANT RAISED CAUSED THINGS TO WRONG FOR THE KIDNAPPERS.  
SEVERAL SHOTS WERE FIRED, ONE PUNCTURING DUTRIZ' LOWER BODY  
AND UPPER LEG. ACCORDING TO ONE FAMILY MEMBER, DUTRIZ WAS

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EXTREMELY LUCKY IN THAT THE BULLET HIT NO ARTERIES OR VITAL

ORGANS. THE ASSAILANTS, UNABLE TO EASILY CARRY THE WOUNDED VICTIM TO THEIR CAR, ABANDONED THE ATTEMPT AND FLED. DUTRIZ IS REPORTEDLY "OUT OF DANGER" IN THE HOSPITAL, WHERE HE WAS VISITED BY PRESIDENT MOLINA IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ATTEMPT.

2. COMMENT - THIS IS BOUND TO SEND A NEW WAVE OF RUMORS AND APPREHENSION THROUGH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE WEALTHIER AND SOCIALLY PROMINENT WHO HAVE HARDLY RECOVERED THE COMPOSURE BADLY SHAKEN BY THE KIDNAPPING OF CHICO DE SOLA IN JUNE (SEE REFTELS) AND THE POLITICAL TURMOIL AND TENSIONS OF EARLY AUGUST. THERE IS GENERAL BEWILDERMENT AS TO WHO OR WHAT THE ASSAULT REPRESENTS. NO ENTITY HAS CLAIMED AUTHORSHIP. WITH THE VICTIM IN THE NEWSPAPER BUSINESS, THE LIST OF POSSIBLE ENEMIES WHO MIGHT WISH HIM OR HIS FAMILY HARM IS LONG, AND CROSSES POLITICAL BOUNDARIES.

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